

Program A: Injured Worker Reemployment

Program Authorization: LA R.S. 23:1371-1379

Program Description

The mission of the Injured Worker Reemployment Program is to encourage the employment of workers with a permanent condition that is an obstacle to employment or reemployment, by reimbursing the employer or if insured their insurer for the costs of workers' compensation benefits when such a worker sustains a subsequent job related injury. The Injured Worker Reemployment Program obtains assessments from insurance companies and self-insured employers, and reimburses those clients who have met the prerequisites.

The goals of the Injured Worker Reemployment Program are:

1. Ensure prompt reimbursement to employers and insurers for qualifying claims.
2. Maintain adequate funding.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	27,791,433	30,179,826	30,179,826	30,174,961	30,154,617	(25,209)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$27,791,433	\$30,179,826	\$30,179,826	\$30,174,961	\$30,154,617	(25,209)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$297,805	\$306,471	\$306,471	\$314,716	\$297,645	(\$8,826)
Other Compensation	11,699	7,117	7,117	7,117	7,117	0
Related Benefits	49,172	56,857	56,857	58,089	55,870	(987)
Total Operating Expenses	56,223	43,927	43,927	44,981	43,927	0
Professional Services	83,359	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	0
Total Other Charges	27,272,722	29,713,374	29,713,374	29,713,374	29,713,374	0
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	20,453	21,080	21,080	5,684	5,684	(15,396)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$27,791,433	\$30,179,826	\$30,179,826	\$30,174,961	\$30,154,617	(25,209)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	13	13	13	13	13	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	13	13	13	13	13	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with Statutory Dedications from the Louisiana Worker's Compensation - Second Injury Fund. This funding is generated by an annual assessment against insurance carriers and self-insured (R.S. 39:32b (8)). This fund is administered five board members: the State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance, Director of Worker's Compensation, Secretary of the Worker's Compensation benefits. The Board may suspend or lower this assessment rate annually. (Per R.S. 39:36B.(8), see table below for listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated fund.)

	ACTUAL	ACT 12	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Louisiana Worker's Compensation 2nd Injury Board Fund	\$27,791,433	\$30,179,826	\$30,179,826	\$30,174,961	\$30,154,617	(\$25,209)

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$30,179,826	13	ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$30,179,826	13	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$0	\$3,967	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	\$5,510	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
\$0	\$5,684	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$21,080)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$19,290)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$30,154,617	13	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$0	\$30,154,617	13	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$0	\$30,154,617	13	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$10,000	Legal services for contract attorneys to assist in high legal appeals of cases denied for reimbursement of Worker's Compensation claims
\$21,000	Actuarial study of claims required by the legislative auditor to determine validity and accuracy of unfunded liability

\$31,000 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

\$29,163,516 Reimbursement to insurance carriers for costs' of Worker's Compensation benefits when an eligible worker sustains a subsequent job related injury

\$29,163,516 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

\$546,450 Department of Justice-Legal Services

\$3,408 Division of Administration-Comprehensive Public Training Program (CPTP)

\$549,858 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$29,713,374 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$5,684 This funding will purchase 3 pc's and 3 printers.

\$5,684 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS